

# **TOWN OF WESTFORD**

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Vermont Community Development Board  
One National Life Drive  
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Montpelier, VT 05620-0501

Dear Board Members,

I am writing to inform you that the proposed VCDP planning grant application is consistent with the goals of the 2015 Westford Town Plan, as adopted by the Westford Selectboard on May 14, 2015, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. Chapter 117 and approved by Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission.

This planning grant would allow the Town and our community partners to conduct essential planning and pre-development work on the property at 1705 VT Route 128. Our community envisions this project as a center of activity in the Town Center that will include perpetually affordable housing, a public river access, and a future public facility use. The planning grant will allow the Town to understand the feasibility of our community vision and make informed decisions about development on the parcel.

Specifically, the proposed project is consistent with following goals:

## **Goals**

General Goal #4 - Plan for the development of the Town Center Area in such a way that higher density, mixed use development is encouraged and appropriate infrastructure exists, or is planned for, to allow this area to serve as the Town's growth center.

General Goal #8 - Continue cooperation and coordination between all segments of Westford's town government to foster a sense of community and implement economic development goals.

General Goal #10 - Encourage a diversity of housing types, including affordable and elderly housing.

General Goal #12 - Encourage diverse recreational opportunities for all residents.

General Goal #13 - Encourage conservation and appropriate stewardship of natural resources, natural areas, wildlife corridors, waterways, floodplains, scenic areas, open land, forest land, steep slopes and sensitive areas.

## **Town Center Area Goals and Objectives**

Goal #1 - Community Life & the Common - Utilize the Town Common Area as the focal point of community life and activity in Westford.

Goal #2 - Pedestrian Safety & Traffic Calming – Implement pedestrian safety and traffic calming techniques in the Town Center Area.

Goals #3 - Community Infrastructure - Expand Westford's role in providing infrastructure so that higher density development can occur in the Town Center Area.

Goals #4 - Encourage Re-Development - Encourage appropriate development intensity in the Town Center area that is great enough to reinforce its traditional Town Center functions and character while not degrading the social and physical environment

If you have any questions about the proposed projects conformance to the Town Plan, or our commitment to the project, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'William Cleary', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

William Cleary  
Selectboard Vice-chair  
Town of Westford